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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1956. There is one special feature to which I desire to draw your attention, namely the very few cases of infectious diseases which occurred within the urban area during the year. In actual fact only two cases were notified, one of Scarlet Fever and one of Acute Poliomyelitis. It is regretted that the latter case proved fatal.

There was not a single case of measles or whooping cough notified during the year under review.

I desire to express to the members of the Council, to Mr. McLane your Public Health Inspector, and to the Clerk and other members of the staff, my sincere thanks for their help and consideration.

Statistics and Social Conditions in the Area.

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	- 3,487.
Estimated population (mid 1956).	- 5,290.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1956	- 1,902.
Sum represented by a penny rate	- £129.
Rateable Value	- £35,051.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1956.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births - Total	37.	39.	76.
Live Births, Legitimate.	37.	38.	75.
" " Illegitimate.	-	1.	1.
Still " Legitimate.	-	-	Nil.
" " Illegitimate.	-	-	Nil.

Live Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population.	- 14.36
" " " " " " " " " (In England & Wales)	- 15.7
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still births)	- - -
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population.	- 11.3
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)	- 11.7
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	- Nil.

		M.	F.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.			
Legitimate.	-	0.	0.
Illegitimate.	-	0.	0.
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.	-	0.	0.

Death Rate - all infants per 1000 live births	- - -
" " " " " " " " (In England & Wales)	- 23.8
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	- - -
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	- - -

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5.	5.	10
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton weaving, cotton bleaching and calico printing. These occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of the employees and the district as a whole maintained a good standard of health. There has been very little unemployment in the area during the year.

Causes of death are classified as follows:-	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.
Diphtheria.	0.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	0.	0.	0.

	M.	F.	Total.
Measles.	0.	0.	0.
Acute Poliomyolitis.	1.	0.	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	2.	0.	2.
" " Lung, Bronchus.	1.	1.	2.
" " Breast.	0.	0.	0.
" " Uterus.	0.	2.	2.
Other Malignant &Lymphatic Neoplasms.	2.	2.	4.
Diabetes.	0.	0.	0.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	0.	8.	8.
Coronary Disease, Angina.	6.	2.	8.
Other Heart Disease.	3.	10.	13.
Other Circulatory Disease.	2.	2.	4.
Influenza.	0.	1.	1.
Pneumonia.	2.	0.	2.
Bronchitis.	2.	1.	3.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	0.	0.	0.
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	0.	0.	0.
Gastritis,Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	0.	1.	1.
Hyperplasia of Prostrate.	1.	0.	1.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	0.	0.	0.
Other defined and Ill-defined diseases.	1.	5.	6.
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	0.	0.	0.
All other Accidents.	2.	0.	2.
Suicide.	0.	0.	0.
Total.	25.	35.	60.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were regularly carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply.

Stockport Corporation are the water undertakers for an area of 314 acres at the northern part of Furness Vale. This area is supplied with water from the Stockport Corporation's Kinder Reservoir. The water supply for the remainder of the district is derived from springs the yields from which are collected into service reservoirs in various parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stoneheads, Taxal and Leehead. These service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The Council also take some water in bulk from the Stockport Corporation Goyt Reservoir through a connection from their 30" main at Horwich End, During the year under review the Council took 16,987,000 gallons of water from this source. Although at the commencement of the year the reserves were unusually low, the more than average rainfall during the summer months made it possible to maintain supplies in all areas without the imposition of any restrictions. At the end of the year under review the Council undertook a link-up of the 6" water mains which formerly terminated at points on each side of the river bridge in Market Street., Whaley Bridge. The work involved the laying of 58 yds of 6" C.I. main, part of which had to be encased and suspended from piers on the outside of the river bridge.

The link up of these sections of supply will now make it possible to utilise all available supplies to the fullest advantage.

During the year samples of water were taken at various reservoirs and points of delivery into houses. These samples were submitted for bacteriological analyses. In two instances the samples proved unsatisfactory but subsequent sampling showed the waters to be bacteriologically safe.

The number of houses supplied with water from the Council's mains was 1720 whilst 163 houses in the northern part of the district were supplied direct by Stockport Corporation from their 4" main from Kinder Reservoir.

Only nineteen houses in the area have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of isolated farm houses.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

278 yds of new 3" asbestos cement water main was laid at Reddish Avenue, Whaley Bridge, to cater for new housing development.

Housing.

During the year the Council were engaged on the laying of roads and services and the construction of 28 houses and 3 bungalows on their housing site at Reddish Lane. At the end of the year under review 8 houses and 3 bungalows were completed and occupied.

I am pleased to report that the tenants of the remaining six temporary bungalows on the Park Road Estate have now been re-housed in the permanent houses and arrangements made for the clearing of the temporary bungalow site.

The number of permanent post-war houses erected in the area up to December, 1956, was 210.

Sewerage.

The sewerage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing, rodding and repairs being carried out when necessary. Practically the whole of the district is sewered, excepting Fernilee and Cadster Areas. Ten per cent (10%) test-baiting of sewer manholes in the district was again carried out to ascertain the extent of rat infestation, and only one area of infestation was noted and this was of minor character. Disinfestation treatment of sewers was undertaken in October.

196 yds of 9" 140 yds of 6" and 132 yds of 4" G.E. sewer was laid to cater for housing development at Reddish Avenue, Whaley Bridge.

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

The Council carried out the collection of refuse by direct labour with a modern refuse collection vehicle and a regular service was satisfactorily maintained.

The refuse was tipped on the Council's refuse tip at Fernilee.

Rag Flock Act.

There are no premises in the area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

Factories Act.

Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this act have shown sanitary conditions to be generally satisfactory.

Infectious and other Diseases.

Reference has already been made to the abnormally low number of notifications of Infectious Diseases.

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Details of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) are as follows:-

Notifiable Diseases.	Total all ages.	0 - 1	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 - Over.	Hosp. Cases	Deaths.
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases generally Notifiable:-	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Other Diseases notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	-	-	-	1	1

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1956.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. COCHRANE.

Medical Officer of Health.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1956.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1956.

Housing:

Number of houses in district at 31st December, 1955	-	1885
New houses erected during year by :-		
(a) Local Authority	-	11
(b) Private Enterprise	-	6
	-	1902
Number of houses demolished or closed during 1956	-	Nil
Number of houses capable of occupation	-	1902
Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	121
Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	-	32
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	Nil
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	32
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil
Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil
Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted	-	Nil
Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	Nil

Closet Accommodation in the Area.

Houses with pail closet accommodation	-	32
Houses with privy accommodation	-	10
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation	-	1860

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	943
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered	-	323
Number abated with or without Notice	-	317
Number of Notices served:-		
Informal Notices	-	68
Statutory Notices	-	4
Legal Proceedings	-	Nil

Details of Inspections:-	Inspections.	Nuisances abated.
Defective Closet Accommodation	52.	33.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits	43.	13.
Drainage Defects	115.	81.
Housing Repairs	121.	37.
Offensive Accumulations	8.	1.
Urinals	36.	-.
Flooding of Cellars	13.	2.
Animals improperly kept	5.	-.
Water Supply	157.	64.
Bakehouses	15.	-.
Factories & Workshops	73.	3.
Shops & Food Premises	62.	1.
Rodent Control	98.	45.
Other Inspections	145.	17.

Drainage.

Number of houses in district connected to sewers	-	1727.
Number of houses in district not connected to sewers	-	175.
Number of connections made during year	-	18.

Food Inspection.

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

8 tins Apricots.	5 tins Corned Beef.
9 tins Evaporated Milk.	5 tins Peaches.
3 tins Peas.	14 tins Condensed Milk.
2 tins Stewed Steak.	6 tins Pears.
12 tins Sardines.	7 tins Carrots.
7 tins Tomatoes.	2 tins Chicken Soup.
2 tins Ox Tongues.	3 tins Pineapple Slices.
28½ lbs. Rump Steak.	

Water Statistics.

Details of the Council's water service reservoirs are as follows:-

	Storage.	
Leahead Reservoir	1,250,000	gallons.
Taxal Reservoir	20,000	"
Diglee Reservoir	247,000	"
Foxholme Reservoir	100,000	"
Stone Heads Reservoir	200,000	"
	1,817,000	"

		Estimated population involved
Number of houses in district connected to mains	1883.	5231.
Number of houses supplied from standpipes on mains	Nil.	Nil.
Number of houses not supplied from standpipes or mains	19.	59.
Number of new connections made during year:-	17.	

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE.

Public Health Inspector.

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